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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER GUNES' TV ADDRESS RE NATO 25TH ANNIV.

FULL TEXT OF FOREIGN MINISTER TURAN GUNES' TELEVISION ADDRESS
ON NATO'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY FOLLOWS:

1. THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY WAS SIGNED IN WASHINGTON ON APRIL
4, 1949. FOR THIS REASON, WE ARE OBSERVING TODAY THE 25TH
ANNIVERSARY OF NATO.

2. AS IS KNOWN, NATO, WHICH IS A JOINT DEFENSE ORGANIZATION, WAS
BROUGHT INTO BEING, FIRST, WITH 12 COUNTRIES. THEN, WITH THE
JOINING IN OF TURKEY AND GREECE IN 1952 AND OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC
GERMANY IN 1955, THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF NATO ROSE TO 15.
THE BALANCE OF FORCES, WHICH WAS REALIZED IN THE NORTH
ATLANTIC AREA BY MEANS OF NATO, HAS PLAYED AND IS CONTINUING TO
PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE BOTH IN THE PROTECTION OF ITS MEMBERS' FREE-
DOM AND INDEPENDENCE AND IN THE REALIZATION OF PEACE AND STA-
BILITY IN EUROPE.

3. DURING THE 25 YEARS SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NATO, SIGNIFICANT
CHANGES HAVE OCCURRED IN THE WORLD CONDITIONS, IN THE POLITICAL,
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MILITARY AND ECONOMIC FIELDS OF THE WORLD. IT IS NECESSARY TO TAKE

A BRIEF LOOK AT THESE CHANGES BOTH TO EVALUATE THE SITUATION THE WORLD IS IN TODAY AND ALSO TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE ISSUES WHICH NATO FACES.

4. IT IS TRUE THAT WHEN A COMPARISON IS MADE BETWEEN THE ERA WHICH IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED THE WORLD WAR II AND THE YEARS AFTER 1970, IT WOULD BE NOTED THAT IMPORTANT CHANGES IN THE WORLD SITUATION ARE RAPIDLY TAKING PLACE.

5. AMONG THEM, WE CAN COUNT THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS:

6. SOME WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, AFTER STRENGTHENING THE WEAK SITUATION THEY HAD BEEN IN, FORMED A STRONG ECONOMIC COMMUNITY WITH IN THE FRAMEWORK OF EEC, THAT IS EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, AND THESE COUNTRIES, WHICH WE CALL "THE NINE", ARE NOW ON THE ROAD TO A POLITICAL UNITY. THESE DEVELOPMENTS HAVE ALSO ENDED WITH THE FACT THAT SOME ECONOMIC AND EVEN, IN A WAY, POLITICAL INTERESTS OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AND THE UNITED STATES WERE NOT ALWAYS PARALLEL. THE WORLD POLICY, WHICH WAS ONCE BI-POLAR, HAS NOW BECOME MULTI-POLAR AS A RESULT OF INCREASE IN THE STRENGTH OF EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, CHINA AND JAPAN, AND THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF THE THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES HAVE STARTED TO PLAY IN THE WORLD POLITICS.

7. THE FACT THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS EQUALED THE UNITED STATES IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD HAS CREATED SOME CHANGES IN CERTAIN RAPPROACHMENTS. SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS HAS BEEN NOTED IN THE EFFORTS OF THE NORMALIZATION OF THE EAST-WEST RELATIONS.

8. FOR EXAMPLE, THE SALT I AGREEMENT ON THE LIMITATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND SOME OTHER AGREEMENTS IN RELATION TO ARMS CONTROL HAVE BEEN SIGNED BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION.

9. FEDERAL GERMANY HAS NORMALIZED ITS RELATIONS WITH EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF OST-POLITIK.

10. EUROPE HAS STARTED TO MAKE STUDIES ON THE EUROPEAN SECURITY AND COOPERATION CONFERENCE AND MUTUAL AND BALANCED FORCE REDUCTION CONFERENCE.

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11. IN SUM, THE COLD WAR WHICH WAS THE MAIN CHARACTERISTIC OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS UNTIL A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO HAS BEEN REPLACED BY AN ERA OF DETENTE AND NEGOTIATION.

12. IT IS ALSO A FACT THAT DESPITE THESE DEVELOPMENTS, WITH WHICH ALL PEACE-LOVING COUNTRIES, SUCH AS TURKEY, WERE PLEASED, WORLD PEACE AND STABILITY HAVE NOT YET REACHED A LEVEL WHICH IS IN HARMONY WITH AND QUALIFIED FOR THE PRINCIPLES AND IDEALS

EMBODIED IN THE UN STRUCTURE.

13. FOR THIS REASON THE PRESERVATION OF THE CURRENT SENSITIVE BALANCE OF FORCES IS NEEDED UNTIL A MORE JUST AND TRUSTWORTHY WORLD ORDER IS ESTABLISHED. NATO IS ONE OF THE LEADING ASSURANCES IN THE PROTECTION OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES' PEACE AND SECURITY AND THUS OF WORLD PEACE.

14. THE PRESERVATION OF NATO'S DEFENSE POSSIBILITIES AND POWER OF DETERRENCE AS WELL AS SOLIDARITY AMONG NATO MEMBER COUNTRIES IS ALSO NECESSARY FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF BOTH CONTINUATION OF DETENTE AND ALSO THE COMPLETION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE EASTERN COUNTRIES IN A WAY WHICH WOULD PROTECT MUTUAL INTERESTS.

15. CHANGING WORLD CONDITIONS ON ONE HAND AND THE STYLE OF DETENTE IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS ON THE OTHER HAVE NATURALLY CREATED AN EFFECT WHICH SPEEDED UP THE REVELATION OF SOME DIFFERENCES OF OPINIONS AMONG WESTERN COUNTRIES. THIS IS VERY NATURAL, BECAUSE SOME SIGNS OF DECREASE IN AN ARMED CLASH BETWEEN EAST AND WEST HAVE RESULTED IN AN INCREASE IN PROPORTIONAL PRIORITY IN MAINLY ECONOMIC ISSUES AMONG SOME MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE. THUS, I AM COMING TO THE RECENT PROBLEMS IN RELATIONS AMONG WESTERN COUNTRIES.

16. I WANT TO MENTION A POINT WHICH SHOULD BE NOTED ABOVE EVERYTHING. THE PROBLEMS IN QUESTION ARE NOT THE RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS ON THE REASON OF NATO'S EXISTENCE OR OF ITS BASIC PRINCIPLES. THE SOURCES OF THESE PROBLEMS ARE SOME DIFFERENCES IN POINTS OF VIEW ON THE METHODS IN THE RELATIONS DURING PEACE-TIME BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY'S NINE MEMBERS, EIGHT OF WHICH ARE NATO MEMBERS.

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17. FOR THIS REASON, TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE DISPUTE AMONG SOME MEMBERS OF NATO WITH THE HELP AND COOPERATION OF THE OTHER MEMBERS OF NATO IS A MUST IN VIEW OF THE FUTURE OF THE ALLIANCE. THE METHOD TO BE FOLLOWED IS TO IMPROVE THE CONSULTATION METHODS AMONG THE ALLIANCE MEMBERS IN DETERMINING THE LIMITS OF NATO'S RESPONSIBILITIES IN SPECIFIC INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS, AND WHEN THE GENERAL INTERESTS OF THE ALLIANCE CLASH WITH THE NATIONAL INTERESTS, AND ALSO VARIOUS TOPICS SUCH AS THE ALLIANCE'S HARMONY WITH THE CHANGING WORLD CONDITIONS. THESE NEED TO BE FREELY AND OPEN-HEARTEDLY DISCUSSED BOTH IN NATO AND ALSO BY THE PUBLIC OF MEMBER COUNTRIES.

18. THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ALSO CONSIDER THIS SITUATION AS THE BEGINNING OF A DANGEROUS ERA FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF NATO SOLIDARITY. BUT, FOR ME, TO DIG INTO THE CURRENT ISSUES AND TO SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS TO THESE ISSUES, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE NECESSITIES OF MUTUAL AND COMMON INTERESTS, IS NOT A WEAKNESS BUT, ON THE CONTRARY, IS A SIGN OF LIVELINESS.

19. IT IS UNREASONABLE ALWAYS TO EXPECT A COMPLETE AGREEMENT ON EVERY SUBJECT IN AN ORGANIZATION OF FIFTEEN MEMBERS. DIFFERENCES OF OPINION, SUCH AS THE ONE TODAY, AMONG NATO MEMBERS HAD OCCURRED IN THE PAST ALSO. THERE WILL BE MORE IN THE FUTURE. WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN NOT KEEPING OUT OF SIGHT THE BIG UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMON INTERESTS AND BASIC GOALS DURING THE SEARCH OF SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS. THE EXPERIMENTS OF THE PAST PROVE THAT NATO HAS SUCCESSFULLY ADAPTED ITSELF INTO THE CHANGED CONDITIONS.

20. FOR THIS REASON, I BELIEVE THERE IS EVERY REASON THAT THE CURRENT PROBLEMS WILL BE OVERCOME WITHOUT DAMAGING THE SOLIDARITY OF THE ALLIANCE. AS A MATTER OF FACT, MEMBER COUNTRIES HAVE ALREADY OPENLY PROVED THEIR DETERMINATION IN NOT PERMITTING THE CURRENT DIFFERENCES IN OPINION TO DAMAGE THE ALLIANCE.

21. UNITY IN THE ALLIANCE IS A MUST FOR THE EUROPEAN SECURITY AND FOR DETENTE, FOR MUTUAL DETENTE.

22. ACTING FROM THIS POINT OF UNDERSTANDING, THE MEMBERS, TURKEY AMONG THEM, WORK TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO THE CURRENT PROBLEMS.

23. I BELIEVE THAT NATO WILL BE SUCCESSFUL IN ITS EFFORTS AND WILL CONTINUE WITH ITS DUTY, WITHOUT LOSING ANYTHING FROM ITS

ACTIVENESS, FOR THE WORLD PEACE AND STABILITY.

24. I WISH YOU HAPPINESS IN PEACE."

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